

Industrial Insurance Chiropractic Advisory Committee (IICAC) Meeting Minutes

Date: September 17, 2009 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.



Final

Present: Robert Baker, DC
Clay Bartness, DC
Roger Coleman, DC
Linda DeGroot, DC
Michael Dowling, DC, Chair
Lissa Grannis, DC
Jay Lawhead, DC (by phone)
Ron Wilcox, DC
Bob Mootz, DC
Janet Blume
Reshma Kearney
Joanne McDaniel
Jason McGill

Absent: Carole Horrell
La Vonda McCandless
Bill Pratt, DC, Vice Chair

Guests: NA

General Business

6/18/09 IICAC minutes:

Moved, Seconded, Carried: Minutes were approved as written.

Department Updates

Jason McGill, OMD Administrator shared the following updates:

- There may be premium raises next year, due to numerous causes. 87% of the system's costs are on cases that receive time loss compensation.
- Janet Morris is the new Chief of Claims. She'll work on Claims Department process improvements for handling long term claims. L&I studying sets of factors that contribute to the skyrocketing costs and best ways to address them. Catastrophic claims have decreased while the number of claimants "kept on salary" is increasing. There's a long term trend for fewer claims are being received.
- Legislation last session lead to:
 - Starting the Early Claims Solutions Project that ties claim managers and Employer Services representative together to work claims together. They call employers to explain "kept on salary, return to work assistance available, etc. This especially helps small employers who may never have had an injured employee. Early identification of return to work problems improves communications and leads to better outcomes.
 - The radiology and imaging bill was chiefly a cost containment measure to better establish use of evidence based guidelines for purchasing imaging services by all state agencies, including L&I and Medicaid. The Office of the Medical Director is developing guidelines looking for efficiencies in performing prospective reviews. Utilization Review is looking at the best way to manage the reviews, which will probably will be a web based application that will require a contract and time to build the system.

PPQ Subcommittee Report:

Jay Lawhead, DC reported the Carpal Tunnel Syndrome (CTS) practice aid is now online.

The PPQ subcommittee is drafting an occupational shoulder condition practice aid. Goal is a one page practice aid, flow sheet, and recommendation of a good outcome measure. Shoulder is a chiropractic quality of care issue. The IIMAC is not looking at this topic.

PEO Subcommittee:

Ron Wilcox, DC reported the subcommittee is working on providing information on an uncomplicated claim, and then will build reference materials on complicated claims. The resulting chart/table may be included in the next "Attending Doctors' Handbook" and published on L&I's website.

The "Chiropractic Physicians' Guide" likely will not be republished in printed form in the current biennium, due to budget constraints.

Agenda Planning for the November 2009 Quarterly Meeting:

Topics:

- Legislative Update by Josh Swanson
- HSA Update by Janet Peterson
- COHE Update by Diana Drylie
- Subcommittee updates\
- Plan next quarterly meeting

Next Meeting:

The full IICAC meet reconvene on Thursday, February 18, 2010 from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.